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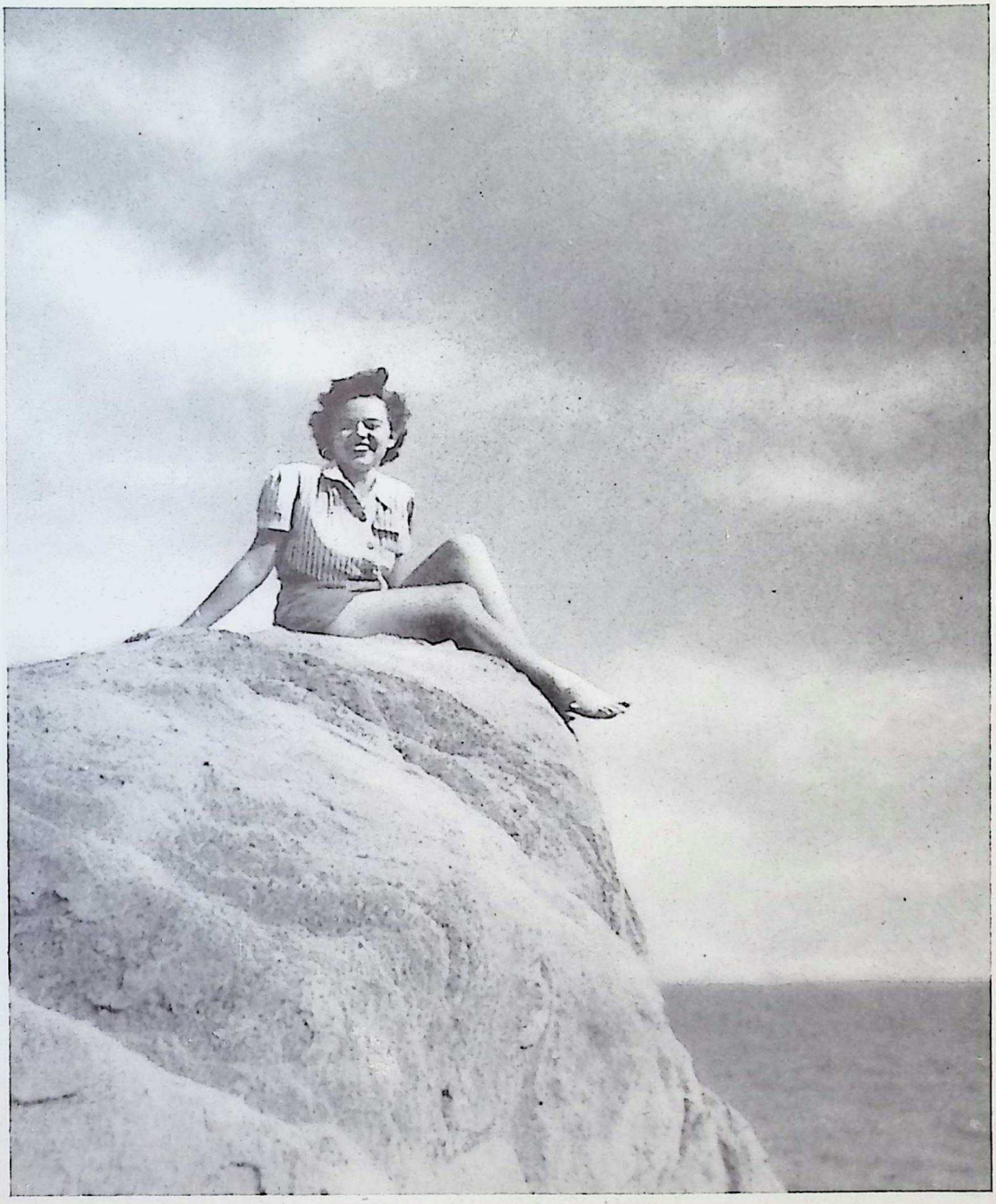

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EDITORIAL

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Distracted parents, wives and sweethearts of men in service are being prodded daily by newspapers, magazines and radio alarmists to watch their respective steps when Johnny comes marching home.

Johnny has been painted in a variety of word pictures but the common one is of a queer individual who will need a psychiatrist, a registered nurse and a truck load of cotton batting in which to wrap him. "Of course," they state profoundly, "some boys will make the transition from service to civilian to civilian life in a few months but for many the necessary adjustments may be prolonged for as long as two years!"

Speaking for four thousand readers of *Yankee Doings*, every one a combat veteran, the verbal barrage now being thrown at the millions who so helplessly wait is so much bunk. One has only to consider past experience gleaned in World War I to appreciate that these boys of ours who will return, soon we hope, will be no different, basically, than were we in 1919.

The real difference will be that Johnny went away a boy. It will be a man who fills the vacant chair at the table. He will, in common with all veterans, feel an irritation toward those who tell him that the war is all over, so forget it.

One doesn't forget the man beside him who won't be back. He will return to his studies and regard the antics of the "Kids" in his class with all of the disdain a Great Dane displays toward a puppy. He will have his feet on the ground, you may be sure, and his sense of values will be founded on solid rock. The useful girl will be his choice rather than the ornamental. He will appreciate the cold glass of water, the sheet on his bed, the quiet and comfort of home, the view from his window, more than we who accept those things as a matter of course. He will believe in universal training, thrill to his flag flying in the sunshine, vote soberly and seriously, hate implacably anyone who suggests that among Protestants, Catholics and Jews there is any "best."

When Johnnie comes marching home he won't need any help. He'll take care of himself; but those who fail to recognize what he was fighting for will need plenty, with twenty million veterans on the loose!

OUR DUTY TO OUR YOUTH

By WILLIAM J. KEVILLE
Brigadier General
Adjutant General of Mass.

Late one evening some forty-seven years ago, my regiment detrained and bivouacked near the railhead at Chickamauga, Georgia. When dawn came, I saw, among a number of roughly constructed buildings, a YMCA hut, on which there was painted a large black and white sign, reading, "Live and Let Live!" It made a deep and lasting impression on my then youthful mind, though I was somewhat confused, since the precise purpose of our being there, was to receive training, confidently expected to inflict, eventually, a lethal blow to the army of Spain. Although historically obvious, it might be stated, that no similar admonitions has appeared in training areas, in more modern warfare. We have taken our youth from peaceful sanctuary, and have taught him to kill, and to destroy, aided by weapons of war, whose performance staggers the imagination of participants in World War I and dwarfs into insignificance our war efforts of nearly half a century ago.

The absence of so many of our young men and women, brings home a very intimate realization of the fact, that every group, every community, and every family has a vital share in the great stake for victory, for which our men fight in every quarter of the globe.

Victory in the European theater would appear to be not far off, and I think it is not too early to pose in our minds the question—"What of the future of the hundreds of thousands of splendid youths who will, please God, survive this fearful holocaust?" What do we, too old to play more than a minor role in the tragic drama of this war, conceive to be our duty and responsibility to them, who have gloriously defended us on the land, on the sea, and in the air, in foreign climes? With all their hopes and longings for the day of victory, and the end of suffering and sacrifice, their return to civilian life, and its normal pursuits, will not be easy for those we have taught to kill and to destroy. It will be for them, and for us, a difficult period, and a testing trial. It will require of us the utmost patience with their intolerance of petty things. They will be critical and bitter about some of the activities at home. While the erstwhile carefree lad we knew, fights a new battle to regain his old poise and confidence, and place in society with family and friends, to whom he has been a stranger for so long, we should address ourselves to this inevitable problem in a cooperative spirit, with understanding and forebearance.

May I presume to suggest that it is our duty as well as a challenge to all mature men of action and sympathy to guide and advise. The need and the reward will be very great.

SAY AU REVOIR BUT NOT "GOOD-BYE"

This article being my last as your National Commander, I could go on line after line relating my pleasant experiences of the year, but I will not. I will only say thanks a million to my comrades and their wives for a grand year. My memories I will always cherish.

I have done my best to carry on the duties of my office and I hope you will at least feel I have tried.

Whoever my successor may be, I pledge my full support and cooperation that his year will be bigger and better for Y. D. V. A.

To everyone, I say good health, good luck for many years of comradeship that only veterans of the Twenty-Sixth Division know.

— John W. Dunlap,
National Commander.

HELP WANTED

Mr. William A. Foley, Regional Director of the First U. S. Civil Service Region, has announced that, due to the increased work-load of the Veterans Administration, there is an urgent need for Clerks, Typists, and Stenographers for duty in Washington, D. C., at salaries ranging from $146 to $164 per month including the overtime on a 48-hour week basis. All appointees must be at least 17½ years old and if under 18 must have parents consent. Prior to transfer to Washington, at Government expense, appointees are given a 10 to 30 day indoctrination period at one of the local Veterans Facilities.

If you know of any girls or draft exempt young men who might be interested, will you please refer them to the U. S. Civil Service Representative in your locality, or to the Local Civil Service Secretary at any First or Second Class Post Office, or the Local U. S. Employment Service Offices. All hiring will be done in accordance with the WMC rules and regulations.

Applications are also requested from qualified applicants in the following fields: Engineers (Heating, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, anitary, etc.) ; and Architects, for duty in Washington, D. C. The Veterans Administration still has immediate need for a number of employees in the following categories for duty outside Washington, D. C., Nurses, Laboratorians (Bacteriology and Roentgenology) ; Occupational Therapy Aides, Physical Therapy Technicians, Recreational Aides, Academic and Commercial Aides, Librarians, Social Workers (Psychiatric), and Dietitians.

Your assistance may help by securing speedier service for our disabled men.

Letters to the Editor

Secretary,
Y. D. Veterans Association,
200 Huntington Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I note in the proposed amendment of the constitution of the Y. D. V. A., Article 7, Section 1, that the following is recommended: "and any person who served in the 26th Infantry Division of World War II in Foreign Service at any time until the cessation of hostilities".

I can't help wondering if the committee did not go far enough in this recommandation as I am thinking about the organizations that were called into service and were on duty at Camp Edwards at the beginning of the War.

The 26th Division was one of the so called "Square Divisions" and for some time served as such at Camp Edwards. The War Department changed its organization to a triangular division and made up a task force that was sent to the South Seas under the command of Brigadier General Billy Rose. This task force consisted of the 182d Infantry and Bns. from the 101st Engineers, 180th Artillery (Heavies) 101st Medical and 101st Quartermaster Regiments. It is well known these organizations were fighting and making excellent records while the balance of the 26th Division was still in this country. In addition, the 181st Infantry were detached from duty with the 26th and another Regiment formed (I think the 328th) to take its place. It seems a pity that organizations, because they were not able to serve in foreign service with the Division although called into the Army as part of the 26th Division should have their membership barred from our Association.

When General Paul took command of the Division he naturally wanted to have his own Staff so practically every member of the Staff of the 26th Division was transferred asd a new Staff organized. Many of these Staff Officers did not go overseas as members of the Division and yet according to this amendment, although in the Division in Federal Service would be disbarred from membership in the Association.

I believe we should be very proud of our Division and appreciate the fact that it continued in service all during the years after World War I. It would not surprise me that if after this War the National Guard Divisions will cease to excist as such. I believe the amendment should be broad enough to include these organizations. I hold no brief for those individuals who were discharged from the Division before they were mustered into the Federal Service.

Next to Colonel Hyatt I believe I was more closely associated with General Edwards than any members of the Division and I am sure he would have been proud to have had the 182d Infantry, in view of what they have gone through, considered part of the Division.

HENRY D. CORMERAIS,
Colonel Mass. N. G., Ret'd.
Former Aide to Major General Clarence R. Edwards.

Dear Editor:

Enclosed find check for annual dues.

I question if any of the members who live in or near Boston, appreciate "Yankee Doings" as I do. I never see any of the boys that I served with in the last war and only occasionally hear of them thru your publication, but can assure you that I read every line of it, in hopes of seeing a familiar name.

Would appreciate hearing from any of the boys of the 101st Field Signal Bn.

I'm planning on a trip east when the war is over, and will drop in and meet you personally.

Very sincerely,

ART. BABCOCK,
Watsonville, Calif.

POPE HONORS EX-YD CHAPLAIN

State Guard officials today forwarded messages of congratulations to Rev. Osias Boucher of Fall River, regimental chaplain of the 26th Infantry regiment, and senior State Guard chaplain, on his elevation to the rank of monsignor by Pope Pius XII.

Fr. Boucher, pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church, Fall River, was one of three priests of the Fall River diocese similarly honored. The others are Rev. Edward J. Moriarty, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Fall River, and Rev. Michael J. O'Reilly, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Taunton.

Ordained by the late Bishop Daniel F. Feehan, Fr. Boucher served in Fall River and New Bedford churches until September, 1916, when he was assigned as chaplain to the 101st Infantry regiment, 26th Division, AEF. He was the first American chaplain to receive the Croix de Guerre, and also holds the Distinguished Service Cross and Legion of Honor.

EPITAPH OF ADOLPH HITLER

Here lies the body of Adolph, the punk,
A thieving, murderous, odorous skunk,
A planning, conniving, scheming fool
Who tried so hard, this world to rule.
Even though dead, may his suffering increase
A thousand fold, while we have Peace.
Ghosts of his victims, let him sleep not,
Remind him often of trouble he brought,
To Pole, Dutch and German Jew
To Grandmothers, babies, invalid, too,
Tortured, slain, then quickly cremated
In ovens, gruesome, and Nazi created
So ghosts of his victims, disturb his last sleep
For Hitler did sow, so now let him reap.

Hoogie

— Roland G. Hoogerzeil,
101st F A Hdqts. Co.

A P O

Two Yankee Division buddies holding the D. S. C. and the Purple Heart bumped into each other on West 45th Street, N. Y. C., on Tuesday evening, April 17th. Buck O'Brien of the old 103rd M. G. Battalion and Dwight Colley, former Captain, 104th Infantry, now Colonel of 104 Regiment, new 26th Yankee Division with Gen. Patton's 3rd Army in Germany.

THE OLD YD SPIRIT

From a letter written to Howard Thomas of Newtonville from S/Sgt. Walter Barker, Det. of Patients, 4181 U. S. Army Hospital, 121B, PM, N. Y.

January 27, 1945, England

Hello Howie:

Well, imagine my embarrassment when I wake up to find myself between two nice white sheets. And to think it was an angel looking down at me. What a wonderful feeling though. Don't let anybody ever tell you that a long awaited dream can't come true. It happened to me. I remember the thing I was doing was putting my M. G. section into position, Howie, to get a crack at Mr. Heinie, when bang! he let go with everything. I guess when I say everything, you can include the kitchen sink at that. Hell, an 88 dropped a little too close for comfort. Well, yours truly is in the hospital.

What's doing for excitement? I would like very much Howie to join up with the YD Club and I wish you would put in an application for me. Tell the gang it's still a great outfit and even though they don't get the headlines, its because the other outfits, in my estimation, brought their Division reporters.

A person has to be up there, Howie, to know and see heroism and fine work, am I right? But that infantry is wonderful.

I am doing great Howie, and do hope to be able to join my outfit again before they get to Berlin. I wish to thank both you and Mrs. Thomas and all for the cards and packages. I will, if I get the chance again, bring down a few Heinies for your house.

Well, Howie, I will say good night for now.

Always your YD Buddy,

Walter

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING YANKEE DIVISION VETERANS ASSOCIATION

To All Active and Life Members of the YD Veterans Association:

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Association will convene at National Headquarters, 200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass., on Saturday, June 30, 1945, at 10:00 A. M., to transact any and all business which may properly come before the legislative body of the Association.

Any person eligible to active membership, whose dues shall have been received prior to the opening of said Convention shall be entitled to one vote on any question to come before the Convention.

— John W. Dunlap,
National Commander.

H. Guy Watts
National Secretary

This Month's Cover

All-American Beachhead for boys in service is this typical American girl. She's even prettier than the cover. Any letters from overseas will be forwarded to her.

Somewhere in France, March 24, 1945.

Brigadier General Charles H. Cole,
State House, Boston, Mass.

Dear General:

Your Christmas card arrived safely, and I was glad to know that Mrs. Cole and you are both well. It has been an long time since we drank orange juice at your house before starting for Camp Edwards back in the good old days!

After leaving Camp Edwards, I went to Iowa and South Dakota, in charge of large construction jobs and was sent overseas in July, 1942. I have been in the office of the Chief Engineer, ETOUSA since then and now am Chief of the Storage Branch of the Supply Division where our main responsibility is the supervision of the operation of all the Engineer depots both on the Continent and in the United Kingdom. I arrived in France early in June with the Reconnaisance Party, Forward Echelon, Hq. Com. zone, and have had many interesting experiences since then. Last fall I was transferred to the 1194th Engineers and am C. O. of that unit which is part of the Supply Division, O. C. E.

A short while ago, I came through Belleau Wood and stopped at Lucy-le-Bocage to buy some eggs. At the farmhouse there were a couple of old men and the wanted to know what part of the States I was from. When I said "Boston" they poured out a drink and one of them brought out an old silver identification bracelet As you remember, of course, the YD fought there and the village was badly battered. This bracelet was found loose amid the rubble of the farm buildings, and they gave it to me thinking that perhaps I could locate either the owner or his family. The inscription is as follows:

Fred E. Black
Courier
Battery B, 103rd FA
USA

I wonder if you have any way of inquiring as to whether or not Fred Black is alive or where his family is located? Perhaps the AG Dept. has access to records or maybe the YD Club in Boston might assist. I should be glad to see that the bracelet is returned if you could let me know.

The news sounds pretty good and the radio has just announced that our armies are crossing the Rhine. I hope the war will end soon, for I have been overseas a long time and I would like a short furlough home. I have seen Lt. Col. Bill Harrison lately and he looks fine. I also saw Lt. Col. Joe Bosneau last winter and he is fine also. He married an English girl. I don't know a soul in the YD over here now, but that division is doing a swell job. My very best wishes to you and Mrs. Cole.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver B. Brown, Lt. Col. CE O-256273
Hq. 1194 Eng. Base Depot, APO 887, P.M., N. Y.

FORSYTH UNINTENTIONALLY GETS A NEW MEMBER FOR BOSTON CLUB

Ever since his suspension by the National Executive Committee he has tried to do everything possible to embarrass the National officers. Among other things, he wrote to the Boston Better Business Bureau. Their letter to us was answered to their complete satisfaction. We next heard from the Federal Trade Commission in Washington. Their inquiry was promptly answered and they wrote us they were entirely satisfied with our reply and as far as they were concerned, their file was closed. The Commission's rules do not permit them to divulge the person making a complaint but the questions asked by the Federal Trade Commission were almost identical to those asked by the Boston Better Business Bureau who showed us his letter to them.

We next had a visit from two officers from the Criminal Division of the Boston Police Department who showed us Forsyth's letter to them. After hearing the facts, they branded his letter as a *poison pen letter.*

One of the officers chanced to be a YD man who never had been a member of the Association. Our National Secretary got him to sign an application and he paid his dues.

Every knock's a boost!

— Lee Redfield

YANKEE QUOTES

Reprint from 26th Division *Grapevine*

"I love 'Old Ann'," says Pfc. Pat Newton, 101st Engineer-man from Vineland, N. J. "She's my truck, and I brought her from the States with me. There are 12 shrapnel holes in the hood and three more in the windshield, but they don't bother my truck. She purrs on as good as ever. I'd like to take Ann back home with me."

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"You got to watch these Germans, because sometimes they can be plenty tricky. The YD had captured a small town, and the people all stuck up white flags. Next day, the troops went on—and all the flags came down. We fired a few rounds of artillery shells into the town, and every flag was put out again, plenty fast."—Pfc. Frank W. Bragg, Battery B, 101st Field Artillery Bn., Covina, Calif.

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"No, we don't have much trouble with the German civilians," says Pvt. William H. Grantham, Military Government, 101st Infantry Regiment from Memphis, Tenn. "But every once in a while we do come across somebody who refuses to take orders. When that happens we just fire a shot or two at their feet or over their heads, and they just look at us for a fast second and then take off. We have no trouble after that"

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"Blown bridges don't stop Co. M when it's attacking a town," S/Sgt. Anthony Ragonese of Hartford, Conn., said. "We discovered that railroad tracks led into the village, so we bumped for half a mile over the ties. It was the damndest ride I'd ever had, but it was worth it—we took the town."

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"The Brooklyn Dodgers are going to win the pennant this year," T/Sgt. Anthony Geiger, 104th Infantryman from New York City, says. "They'll win, because they got more bums than ever this year. Bums always come out on top, in combat or in sports."

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If you see a walking arsenal coming down the road, don't be alarmed. It's probably Pfc. Nicholas Botner, Co. I, 104th Infantryman from New York City.

Among other weapons, Botner carries a bazooka, M-1 rifle, English burp gun, .45 pistol, a P-38, and a Kraut .22 pistol.

Doughs say it's the psychological effect that gets the Jerries. When they see all those weapons coming their way they just take off through the fields with the speed of a V-2 rocket.

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The following message was received at Division Headquarters this week: "104th Infantry Reports at 2110—Patrol from 1st Battalion made Reconnaissance to Neunkirchen. Encountered Road block at (P 141-298) protected by 28 Germans. Road Block reduced and 28 Germans taken PW."

There was no amen to the message.

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It was just another little German town in the beautiful mountains of Thuringia. On the face of things the war had passed it by. The buildings and houses were all intact.

Corporal James C. Jones, St. Louis, Mo., Division Military Police Platoon, working with the Military Government was doing his routine job—the usual check-up of civilians. He was questioning some former Polish slave laborers. A woman told Jones about four Polish slave laborers who were too sick and weak from starvation for the SS men to move when they heard the Americans were almost there, so the SS men beat them to death and threw them into graves. Jones went to the designated point and found two of the bodies.

Additional investigation brought out the fact that there were twenty-one bodies—all women—Russian and Poles, somewhere in a grave near the city dump.

Twenty-one bodies wrapped in wrapping paper were tied up with wrapping cord in nine graves. The YD Military Government secured a party of the more respectable German citizens in town and made them dig up the bodies.

It was obvious that all of the 21 slave laborers had been starved to death—some beaten. The flesh clung to the bones. There was agony written on the faces.

The Burgomeister was ordered to provide caskets and a decent funeral for the tortured dead.

All the good German citizens insisted they had nothing to do with the crime. They said they were completely innocent.

The dead, starved Polish and Russian women's faces and bodies indicated they had other opinions on the subject.

YD SON CITED

PFC. ROY E. ANNIS

"During an attack against the enemy, heavy hostile fire pinned down the platoon of which Private Annis was a member and killed the platoon leader and lead scout. The second scout, seriously wounded, fell into a swift stream. Moving forward over fire-swept terrain, Private Annis reached the stream and carried the wounded scout back to a position of safety. His courageous action inspired the platoon to heroic efforts, enabling them to overcome the enemy. Such a display of courage and daring initiative is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces."

Roy is the son of Edwin M. Annis, a member of Manchester, N. H. Chapter.

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1945 - 1946

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YD SONS IN SERVICE

T. SGT. JOSEPH V. McGEE
Exonerated POW
Son of
Joseph L. McGee
G Co., 101st Infantry

PVT. PAUL I. LEAHEY
Liberated POW
Son of
William H. Leahey
G Co., 101st Infantry

PFC. ROBERT J. RUSSELL
Wounded in Germany
Son of
Henry N. Russell, Wor. Chapter
Batt. B, 102nd F.A.

EDWIN W. GRANDSHAW, S 2/c
Son of
Ezrall J. Grandshaw
F. Co., 104th Infantry

LT. F. EDMUND McGEE
Fortress Pilot, 8th A. A. F.
Liberated POW
Son of
Edmund W. McGee
E Batt, 102nd F.A.

PAUL C. BALCH, JR.
Aviation Cadet
Son of
Paul C. Balch
Hdqt. Det. 51, F.A. Brigade

YD SONS IN SERVICE

LT. NORMAN F. HOLDRIDGE
Super Fortress Pilot Missing Following
Raid Over Tokyo
Son of
Arthur W. Holdridge
H Co., 104th Infantry

LT. RAYMOND T. FRAZIER
Army Air Forces
Son of
Thomas E. Frazier
B Batt., 102nd F.A.

PFC. DUDLEY P. JONES
"Merrill's Marauders"
Son of
Leon D. Jones
C Co., 104th Infantry

CORP. RALPH L. BISHOP
Air Corps
Son of the Late
Ralph L. Bishop, DSC
Formerly Co. F, 102nd Infantry

GORDON W. BROWN S1/c
USN - ABPD
Son of
Ernest W. Brown
104th and 102nd Med. Det.

Pfc. RAYMOND F. CHARBONEAU
Co. G, 135th Infantry
(Killed in Action)
Son of
Raymond F. Charboneau
Formerly Co. C, 102nd Infantry

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Secretary: Everett F. Burnell
R.F.D. No. 6, Portland, Me.

The monthly meeting was held May 3, 1945, at the Columbia Hotel. It was called to order at 8:30 P. M. by Commander Mishel Kahill. There were nine members present.

It was voted to hold memorial services at General Edwards Park, on Memorial Day at 11 o'clock.

The boys are starting a last man's club, the first meeting is to be held on the third Thursday of May.

Commander Kahill appointed Vice-Commander Harold H. Rutter as publicity man.

Mishel Kahill has a new ice cream wagon. Mish plans to keep cool this summer anyway. Comrade Harold Rutter has given up his job at the State Liquor Store and is now working in a Hardware store.

This is not very much news for this time but I will try and get more to write about next time.

— Everett F. Burnell.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Commander: John E. Blidberg
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Secretary: Fred A. Hoyt, Jr.
Rm. 513, Amoskeag Bk. Bldg., Manchester, N. H.

With the exception of the plain factual information that both our National Commander and our National Sergeant at Arms are residents of Manchester, we have failed to move that locality mentioned in "Doings" for over two years until to our amazement, we find on page two of the May issued that we "boiled".

Furthermore, in order that we may correct any misunderstanding that one could easily get from a casual reading of that article, we do not now have, neither have we ever had, a flower fund and that article that so mysteriously disappeared and became our unwilling contribution to the waste paper drive, was not very long and we now have forty-four members entitling us to a small portion of that $17.00. (Ed. note: Read that article again, then say you still love me.)

Certainly, we are boiling up here and we sincerely hope that we can keep boiling. We meet each second Wednesday at the Manchester Post of the American Legion (come on up) and our membership is now five times that of last year.

In our previous but yet unpublished letter to "Doings" two months ago we expressed our appreciation to the Springfield Chapter for handing on to us the idea of running a Christmas Party for the boys in the service. If it had not been for them, we would not have had this opportunity of serving and we wish to tell them that it was generally acclaimed in Manchester as the most successful affair of its kind ever held there.

We also published with regret that our comrade, Archie Vigneault, had lost a son in the service of his country in this war.

Since that time we held our annual dinner and installation of officers atthe Hotel Rice Varick and we want to thank those fellows from Boston who came up to visit with us.

At the last meeting of the Chapter it was voted that we set aside the sum of $5.00 to advertise the place and time of our meetings in "Yankee Doings" and if the project is carried through, this Chapter will be more than glad to contribute.

FAIRFIELD & ELLIS

INSURANCE

99 Milk Street **Boston, Mass.**

NASHUA

Commander: Leo Grandmasion

Secretary: Eugene LaFlame
28 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

The National Commander, John W. Dunlap of-the Yankee Division Veterans Association, assisted by National Sergeant at Arms Eugene Dugas, installed officers of Nashua Chapter, YD and Auxiliary, Sunday April 22.

Officers of the Chapter: Commander, Leo Grandmaison; Senior Vice Commander, Ludger Beaucher; Junior Vice, Emil Farland; Chaplain, Earle Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, Eugene LaFlamme; Sergeant at Arms, George M. French; Historian, Chris Alfsen; Trustees, Fred Walker, Walter Parker and Eugene LaFlamme.

Officers of the Auxiliary: President, Mrs. Alice LaFlamme; Senior Vice, Mrs. Marrie Coffey; Junior Vice, Amelia LaFlamme; Chaplain, Mrs. Mable Hamlin; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Lombard; Treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Williams; Color Bearer, Mrs. Lillia Raby; Guard, Mrs. Honalda Thibeault; Conductress, Mrs. Antoinette Morton; Trustees, Mrs. Blanche Beaucher and Miss Olive Coffey.

Past Commander Eugene LaFlamme called on the speakers. National Commander John W. Dunlap brought greetings from the National Chapter and also spoke about doing all we could to help the Red Cross. Next Comrade Alfred L. D. Gustafson spoke on looking after the boys returning home from service across, as they all need our help.

George M. French was introduced. He spoke about the National Convention to meet in Boston, Mass.

Next was Past National Commander Eliot Carter who spoke on being friendly to all returning home from service overseas.

The Auxiliary President then asked the National Commander John W. Dunlap to present the Past President's Pin to Mrs. Annie E. Lombard. The meeting closed and all enjoyed a wonderful supper under the chairmanship of Mrs. Mary Brown.

Monday evening, April 23, 1945, the meeting was opened by the new President, Alice LaFlamme. All officers reported for duty except the Guard and two trustees. The Relief Committee reported on Comrade Gilbert Young being better and back from the Veterans Hospital. A card of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Raby was read. They were both sick.

Lillie Raby reported on a successful card party held in the afternoon. Annie E. Lombard, chairman of the next card party to be held the afternoon of May 28. Antoinette Morton, is chairman of the Penny Sale at the next meeting. President Alice LaFlamme won the attendance prize. Mable Hamlin won the mystery prize.

The meeting closed. Next meeting May 28, 1945.

— Annie E. Lombard.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Emile Thibault, R-16 Chase St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis, 21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

BEVERLY

Commander: Harold Heald
9 Clark Ave., Beverly, Mass.

Secretary: George A. Bright
4 Whittier St., Beverly, Mass.

Another year has rolled by and our Chapter, although a few weeks late, has elected and installed their officers for 1945-46. The new officers are: Commander Harold Heald, 101st Eng.; Sr. Vice, Alvah Zwicker, 101st F. A.; Jr. Vice, Walter Rogers, 101st F. A.; Chaplain, P. C. Fred Creed, 101st F. A.; Secretary, P. C. George A. Bright, 101st F. A.; Treasurer, Carlton Hosley, 103rd F. A.; Sergeant at Arms, Carl Joslin, 101st F. A.; Trustee, Roger Dupee, 101st F.A.

Notice how the Artillery predominates? (How did that Kaiser's own get in there?) Well, with a member of the Engineers as our new boss, how can we go wrong, and believe me, when I say we have one swell guy for boss. He has been an active member of this Chapter since it started in 1938. Always ready and willing to give a helping hand for any good cause. With such a leader the boys in Beverly should get behind him and give him their support.

Our officers were installed by State Commander Hefyte, assisted by State Dept. Sergeant at Arms Schact, who is also Commander of Lynn Chapter, YDVA, and they both did a very commendable job.

The wives of the installing officers were also on hand to see that they did the job O. K. Our new Commander's wife was also present to give Harold her moral support, but believe he did not need it, as he had more pep than the whole gang put together.

And I would forever hang my head in shame if I did not mention that our "Pin-up Girl" of the Beverly Chapter was present. I refer to Mrs. Ada Smith, wife of P. C. Frank Smith. I hope that some of the remarks that she made were given thoughtful consideration by those present and passed on to those members who would not be present.

On Sunday, May 20th, "I Am An American Day" and the 7th War Bond Rally is to be observed. Mrs. Smith is chairlady of the drive, so it behooves every YD man to turn out and give our "Pin-up Girl" lots of support. And don't forget that this is also a YD day—as the YD have charge of the demonstration. P. C. Fred Hammon is Chief Marshal and P. C. Frank Smith is to be chief of staff and all unit commanders will be YD men.

On Sunday, May 27th, we are going to attend the Memorial Services to be held by the Knights of Columbus at the Hurd Stadium.

And of course on May 30th is one day that we should all endeavor to show our respect to our departed comrades by joining with the other organizations for these services. Uniform of the day on all three occasions will be blue shirts and berets or just plain civies.

Let's all get behind our new Commander and help him to bring the Beverly Chapter back into the limelight and then keep it there.

— Joe Bright.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
150 St. Botolph St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular Monthly Smoker for May was held on the third Thursday with a very large attendance. Our Annual Memorial Services were held on the same evening with the reading of 100 names of the deceased YD men of the past year. These names were read by President Connor, accompanied by a drum toll for each name and a poppy put in the wreath by the Presidents of the Club Auxiliary, Mrs. William Murphy, and Post Auxiliary President Mrs. Daniel Kenney. Charles S. O'Connor gave a short memorial address.

The latest war movies were shown and Lt. Tatton of the U. S. Navy and recently return from the South Pacific gave a short talk. We also had a young Marine who was recently on Okinawa as our guest.

The Basket of Cheer Night on Saturday was a success financially, although we did not reach the goal hoped for. The total amount received was $768.90, with expenses of $181, leaving a balance of $587.90. The winning numbers were—1st, 3678; 2nd 5928 and 3rd, 5137.

CONCORD

"Minute-Man" Chapter
Commander: Clifford L. Day
23 Surry Rd., Arlington
Secretary: Clyde A. Booker
39 York Street, Lexington

May 8, Tony Iasi (103 Amb.) YD Dugout Bedford. (I haven't seen an ad in DOINGS from this place yet.) 20 members were present, coming from Arlington, Bedford, Concord, West Concord, Lexington, Waltham, Westford and West Bridgewater. We have 40 paid-up members to date. Where were you?

Going through the usual business P. C. McCarthy of the Art. and now Dept. Treasurer, gave a committee report on the Dept. meeting held under Concord Chapter last Sunday. We think it was a good time and hope all that attended think the same. Out of 54 members, 9 did all the work getting the "Ammo" paid for and other small expenses. What a showing we could make if more of the members would help out and sell a few books once in a while. We might own a home if we got together.

Some of the old members had to be introduced as they have not been around for some time. Henry Heathcoate, B Co., 101 F. A.; Joe Dee, B Co., 101 MP; Harry Donnely, 104 Field Hosp. and John (Bonehead) Lund, D Co., 104 Inf. (There was an outfit.)

New members present were Henry Jackson, E Co., 101 Eng., coming from Lexington and George Lupien, E Co., 103 F. A., coming from Waltham. Come on, fellows, bring in another new member at our next.

Two guests were present and introduced in order, Flight Officer Peter O'Sullivan who has been in the South Pacific flying planes and gliders has been shot up some and is now at Cushing Hospital. Gave a very interesting talk on the fighting conditions over there. Pfc. John Cashman of the 106th Inf., has been a Prisoner of War for some time and told of conditions in the prison camps, how they were used and the chow they were given. Told of 15 year old boys in Germany army, hardened veterans, as good and better than some of the older men. The last few days of his imprisonment, the prisoners were used very well by the guards as they knew our army was on top of them and they would be our prisoners.

Next meeting in American Legion quarters, Lexington, June 12th. Open meeting. Bring the wife, "OR?" And don't forget a new member.

Don't forget, Professor O'Grady is collecting Doos. Only 40 came across to date.

— Sully, Bedford Gendarme.

DANVERS

Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their monthly meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton, Wednesday, May 2, with the usual flame thrower hour and chicken supper followed by sound movies by our hon. member, Frank Cook. We had an attendance of thirty-five, five of whom were guests. We have thirty-three paid-up members so far and I expect more in any time now. Any of you members reading this column who have not paid up as yet, please send in the old tomale.

Let's see if we can do better than last year, when we had forty-three paid up. And to you members who do

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not come to meetings, all I can say is you are missing some swell times. So get on the beam, boys, and get around and meet the gang once in a while.

Our Commander, Paul Moore, who has been under the eye of the Doc for some time now is beginning to feel like his old self again. I saw him the other night and he looks ever so much better. I guess he must have taken off some weight, however. We hope you can be with us again soon, Paul, but in case you can't, Fergy will carry on in his usual efficient way.

Well, I guess I must quit or Jules will ask me if I am hogging the magazine, so until Wednesday, June 6, our next and last meeting for the summer., I am,

— C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG

Commander: Bernard W. Brown
Townsend, Mass.
Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The regular meeting of Fitchburg Chapter was held on Tuesday evening, May 8th, with Commander Brown presiding. The Chapter has 127 paid-up members as of this date, due to the competition of the three teams on the membership drive. The results of the drive are as follows: P. C. Kennedy's team, 45 members; P. C. Goguen's team, 20 members and P. C. "Geke" Shea's team, 15 members, with 2 members being credited to the well known "Individualist", Dan Moran. Among the membership were some who used to belong to the Chapter and had allowed their memberships to lapse and a couple who had never belonged before.

Comrades John Connors and "Doc" Rundeau are still confined to the Burbank Hospital, but are on the road to recovery. Comrade John Murray of Gardner is at the Pondville Sanitarium, where he will be glad to receive cheerio cards from any of the comrades. Comrade Francis Daery is at home with plebitis, and comrade "Bob" Luscombe is home from Arizona in much improved health.

Plans were discussed regarding the placing of Memorial Crosses in Monument Square for those from Fitchburg who have made the supreme sacrifice, on Monday evening, May 28th. On Tuesday evening, May 29th, the Chapter will hold Memorial Services there, with a Chaplain from Fort Devens. The State Guard will furnish a firing squad and a bugler will be present to sound taps.

Fitchburg Chapter accepted an invitation from the Rabbi of the local synagogue to attend Memorial Services, along with other Veteran Organizations, Sunday, May 27th, at 10:45 A. M.

The Chapter voted to purchase a large framed picture of General "Daddy" Edwards to hang in its new quarters in the place of honor.

Plans for the June meeting, which will be a social, were discussed and Comrade Leo Durkin was appointed manager of a "Glee Club". Get behind this 7th War Loan and help the boys get home sooner.

— Russ Aldrich.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Wallace A. Burnham
15 Grove St., Haverhill, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton
27 Kingsbury Ave., Bradford, Mass.

On April 28, 1945, the Chapter helped Sr. Vice Norman Ripley (F Co., 104th Inf.) celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary in V. F. W. Hall.

Haverhill has a problem, the like of which all Chapters probably have. A man dies, proves to be a veteran and a YD man. Does not belong to the Chapter, in fact, does not belong to any veterans organization. The family may or may not wish a miliatry funeral. The first the Chapter officers may know of his death is a notice in the local paper.

What should the Chapter do in this case? In most such cases the veteran has had a good income. The public asks why if the Chapter does not act. I personally know of many such cases.

— C. H. Norton.

LYNN

Commander: Christian Schacht
8 Puritan Rd., Saugas, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Our regular monthly smokers are still going strong. This month a real hero, Rev. Father Talbot, S.J., will be the speaker. He was Chaplain of the 37 Inf. at Bataan captured by the Japs. He spent thirty-four months in prison camp. He is a fine speaker and we are greatly honored by his presence. Entertaiment and refreshments will be other features on May 29th. On May 30th the Chapter members for the 26th year will march in the Memorial Day Parade led by the Saugus High School Band. The committee in charge is: A. Raymond Doucette, Rudolph Heftye, William Eddoms and George Walton.

On June 14th, Flag Day, the Chapter will put on a Boys in Service Dinner Party at Oxford Club. Over 100 wounded vets from different hospitals will be given a banquet, dancing, entertainment, gifts, souvenir program and a special telephone hookup so most can call their homes. Robert Newman is Chairman of the committee, assisted by Commander Christian Schnact as co-chairman, A. Raymond Doucette, Treasurer; Edmund Trudell, Secretary and Lloyd Pitman, William Eddows, Rudolph Heftye, Walter Smith, Perley Knight, Eustis Grimes, Charles Scanlon, Earl Bailey, Thomas Curran, Richard Hennessey and Lloyd Raine. The honorary members are Mayor Arthur Frawley and the leading citizens and business men of Greater Lynn. This will be the first party of its kind every held in Lynn. More news later.

— "The Duke".

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: Armand J. Duclos
483 Kempton St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Harold J. Kenyon
804 Kempton St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Carpenter's Hall, Tuesday evening, May 8th. That being the evening of V-E Day, we couldn't expect a large attendance, therefore we were not disappointed. However, we went through the motions just as usual and adjourned early to give those who did attend a chance to whoop it up if they felt so inclined. When we parted company, Walter Johnson was on his way to get a bottle of sarsparilla, Charlie Bowden for a frappe and Harold Kenyon for his regular 18-hours siesta.

Past Commander Louis Marcoux was finally presented with his Past Commanders button, and Deputy Police Chief Chase with his card of honorary membership. I voice the sentiments of all the comrades when I say how pleased we are to have the deputy one of us and hope to see him able to attend our meetings for a great many years to come.

Harold Kenyon, our secretary, gave a report on the drive for a new City Hospital. Same was endorsed by the Chapter as a needy and very worthwhile project, and a committee appointed to attend the next meeting of the hospital committee.

Wednesday, May 9th, was the 1st anniversary of the death of Len McDonnell. A few of the comrades attended a Mass which was offered up for the repose of his soul at St. James Catholic Church.

Louie Marcoux is having his troubles with the Junior Drum Corps in trying to recruit the membership up to the point where they will make their usual creditable showing on Memorial Day. None of us envy Louie his job but he seems to thrive on hard work. That is one of the reasons why he lays off manual labor from November until April each year. More power to you, Louie.

— Bee Bee.

SALEM

Commander: Charles Leger
32 Pingree St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Emile J. Thibault

On April 24th, the Salem Chapter and Ladies Auxiliaries held their Annual Installation of Officers as follows: Commander, Charles Leger, Hdq. 101 F. A.; Sr. Vice, Ernest Pelletier, H Co., 104 Inf.; Jr. Vice, Edward Rennick, D Vat., 101 F. A.; Secretary, Charles Laforme, D Bat., 101 F. A.; Treasurer, Emile J. Thibault, Bat. E, 101 F. A.; Chaplain, John Colley, H Co., 104 Inf.; Historian, Allen E. Fellows, D Bat., 101 F. A.; Sergeant at Arms, Alfred Lareau, Supply, 101 F. A.; Trustees, Alfred Ayers, E Bat., 101 F. A.; Gus Madore, H Co., 104 Inf., Fred Jefferson, Supply, 101 F. A., Lucien Pelletier, D. Bat., 101 F. A., Nap St. Charles, H Co., 104th Inf.

For the Ladies Auxiliary: President, Jacqueline Thibault; Sr. Vice Pres., Anna Morin, Jr. Vice President, Lorraine Pelletier; Secretary, M. Louise Thibault; Treasurer, Honora Motard; Chaplain, Marie St. Pierre; Historian, Lillian Leger; Sergeant at Arms, Jennie Thibault; Trustees, Sellie April, Eva Boulay, Edith Moody, Diana Pelletier and Emma Pelletier.

The Installing Officer was retiring State Commander Emile J. Thibault, assisted by National Sergeant at Arms Gene Dugas, of Manchester, N. H.

YD officers in attendance were National Commander John Dunlap of Manchester, N. H., National Sergeant at Arms Gene Dugas, Manchester, N. H., State Commander Elect of Mass. Rudolph Heftye of Lynn, State Sr. Vice Commander Joe Watton of Lawrence, State Treasurer William McCarthy of Concord, State Service Officer Albert Maxwell of Reading.

Other guests: Mayor Edward Coffey of Salem, Senator Elmer Callahan, Commander Henry C. Nichols, U.S.N., Councilors Phil Durkins, James Muse, John Splaine, Veterans Administration; Representatives of the Legion, V. F. W., Spanish War Vets, and others, including 20 service men from Fort Banks, Winthrop, Mass.

Following the installation we had dancing and refreshments. It was a swell affair, our quarters were packed. The credit goes to Chairman Jack Cooley and his committee. Space forbids saying any more.

— Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: John Meffen
100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roswell F. Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.

Members of Springfield Chapter will meet at the G. A. R. Hall on Sunday morning, May 27th at 9:00 o'clock for the purpose of decorating the graves of all YD men who are buried in the various cemeteries in the Springfield area. This is a very worthy duty and will be well performed under the able direction of Chairman Brunton.

Our second annual Past Commanders' Party will be held on Memorial Day evening at the Springfield Turn Verein. I am sure that this year's party will be a success, with the

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for a meal, a snack and sip with music and entertainment — or without — to dance or just to sit.
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following committee in charge: Chairman Comrade Bob Beach, assisted by Comrades Valentine, Johnson, Gilligan and Fullere.

Word has been received by the Chapter that one of its most outstanding members, Dennis J. Brunton, has been chosen by the National Nominating Committee to be the next National Commander of the Yankee Division Veterans Association. I have been very closely associated with Comrade Brunton in many varied activities, and could easily spend many hours lauding his many fine characteristics, but instead of doing this, I am going to quote from the book entitled "My Company" written by Captain Carroll J. Swan. Here is what Captain Swan had to say about Comrade Brunton.

"One morning about three o'clock I was awakened by a terrific whizz and roar. For a moment I couldn't realize what it was all about. Then another and another. I began to realize our quiet town was under fire. I was sure of it a moment later when a big shell hit the house three doors from mine, blowing it off the sky-line. At the same time Corporal Brunton appeared in my doorway, saluted, and said:

" 'Sir, I beg to report that war has been declared.'

"Just a word about 'Denny' Brunton. He was a man from Springfield, Massachusetts, he had worked up a nice little metal-roofing business, but had given it up to fight for his country. Of a better all-round man and soldier I cannot conceive—quiet, unassuming, absolutely without fear. If he had a bad habit or fault, we never could discover it. He was the chief of orderlies and mail clerks, and the Captain's personal orderly.

"Denny was a demon for work, the most thoughtful man I ever knew. He would never leave me, especially when in danger, and never once thought of his own comfort or personal safety. Give a Captain a company of Denny Bruntons and they could like a whole boche division."

Each and every member of the Springfield Chapter concur with Captain Swan's statements about Comrade Brunton. The nominating committee have the sincere congratulations of the entire Springfield Chapter in their choice of Comrade Brunton as National Commander.

Comrade Gilligan is right on his toes and is starting an intensive drive for new members.

Remember, Comrades, the Springfield Chapter meets on the first and third Friday of each month, at the G. A. R. Hall, so put forth every effort to attend our meetings regularly.

— Roswell F. Patch.

WORCESTER

Commander: Mathew Leary
8 Bedford Ave., Worcester 4, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
P. O. Box 224, Worcester, Mass.

The last two meetings of this Chapter were largely attended, the first of course being the regular business session and the other the monthly social. These meetings were held in the annex so that everybody had leg room to move around in. Rain on the night of the first meeting caused some of the boys to duck the rain drops that found an opening in the roof, but P. C. Bob Vail (102nd F. A.) said that would be the last time that would happen as he is to get someone started on the repair of the roof.

The social evening was well spent with a few numbers of mystic by a member of the mystifiers, one Mr. Sumner Cotzin, who according to P. C. Jones (101st Inf.) was located by "Knocko" McCormack (also of the 101st Inf.) in the suburbs of South Boston and sent up here. Everything went along well until he came to about the end of his performance when he asked for somebody's jacket. P. C. Nute, sitting in the front row, said, "O. K., use mine." (He just recently got it as a gift from his Mrs.) So Mr. Cotzin proceeded to put a length of rope through both sleeves of the jacket and across the back and had him put it one, then he called for Nutes worst enemy. Well, who should get up but his own Mrs. (probably to get back at him for using his new jacket like that) to hold the other end of the rope.

Maybe several thoughts went through Harold's head about that time as his face was beginning to show a crimson color (or was it the color of the lobster that he boils now that meat is so hard to get) because the thought of having a rope pulled around your neck is not very pleasant, but after a few chosen words were spoken they both pulled as hard as they could, and lo and behold, there stood Harold as good as ever, and the others with the length of rope in front of him. Mr. Cotzin received a great round of applause for his entertainment for the evening, and yours truly got a couple of lemons out of it. (No rabbits or pigeons were used because after all they are meat, and meat is hard to get.)

Activities here at the Chapter are on the go all of the time, either one thing or another. We are now having our cribbage tournament going at ful swing, in fact it has got to the stage where some of the boys come up between times to practice on their counts. When you change partners every hand you have to be fast on the count and sure, because nobody counts for you, and if you miss a sixteen hand and don't count it look out. Joe and George say that they will do better next time.

Freddie Jones (our genial copper) is doing a bang up job in keeping this place on the move, because after all we have obligations to meet, and any of you Comrades that have parties planned come up and see us for reservations. We will do our best to make things pleasant for you. Felix (Dutch) Liberty (102nd F. A.) got a swell crowd from his place of employment (Demers Bros., Service Station, 333 Pleasant Street—that's a plug for you, Al and Ted) to hold their party here and they were so pleased that they are planning to hold another one in the near future.

Membership is now close to the 300 mark, which is something that we are proud to brag about, but still there are more here in the city that should belong, so Comrades, please, a little more of the personal salesmanship to the boys that are on the outside looking in. Comrade Wm. J. Courtney (now Major in W. W. II) formerly of the

old 101st Inf.) has been in a few times to see the boys since he has been home on furlough.

Our sympathies go to Comrade Holbrook on the loss of his father, and to the members of the Chicago Chapter on the loss of their Commander-Elect. Our thanks to the boys of the Chicago Chapter for their gift to our building fund. Many thanks, boys.

The members that attended the State meeting in Bedford from here were quite surprised ot learn that they were considered along with the others that were at that meeting of being "Hitlerites". It seems that one of the boys from the hospital came into the place and was going to have the place raided as it was another meeting place for the bund. Well I suppose that we can overlook anything that might happen in Tony's YD Dugout, as it is not far from the hospital and you know how those fellows are.

The June meeting of the State Dept. will be held here Worcester on Sunday, June 3rd, so if anything alarming turns up you will hear about it at the National Convention. So, until then, this is all from this neck of the woods.

— Coe.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander James Macallum, 62 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

KENT COUNTY

Commander: Roy Simpson
2 Gardenway Rd., Quonset Point, R. I.
Secretary: Arthur Brown
230 Coburn St., Oakland Beach, R. I.

The regular meeting of the Kent County Chapter of the Y. D. V. A. was held May 12th, 1945 in the Odd Fellows Hall, Crompton, R. I. The following officers were installed to serve the fiscal year of 1945-46: Commander, Roy Simpson; Senior Vice, Edward Luther; Junior Vice, William Limerick; Chaplain, William Bergin; Sergeant at Arms, James Dyson; Secretary, George R. MacLeod; Treasurer, Carl Olsen; Trustees, Henry Bacon, Frank Bergin and Walter Cord. The Officers were installed by Past State Department Comm., John J. Kelly, assisted by Sergeant at Arms, John Girnin.

Present at the meeting were National Commander John W. Dunlap, State Dept. Comm. James McCallum of Apremont Chapter; Commander Francis Dunn of Providence Chapter; Albert Plante, Commander of Apremont Chapter; Commander William Wills, Groton Stonington Chapter; Past Commander Richard Hughes of David Langevin Post, V. F. W.; Treasurer Ernest Folks of Groton Stonington Chapter.

Following the meeting a collation was served by the ladies with Mrs. Edward Luther as chairman. She was assisted by Mrs. Carl Olsen, Mrs. George MacLeod, Mrs. Ernest Petersen, Mrs. James Dyson, Mrs. William Bergin and Mrs. Roy Simpson.

By now—Buy Bonds!

— George MacLeod.

PAWTUCKET

"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Albert Plant
846 Main St., Pawtucket
Secretary, John R. Moran
Grand Ave., Pawtucket

Preceding our last meeting a draw poker game was in progress and the dealer had to re-shuffle the deck to draw his three cards. When a man can draw a 3-4-5 to an ace and deuce he has to be a magician and State Commander James Macallum did just that. Following this feat the meeting was called to order at 9:15.

An annual treasurer's report was read by Pete and it was very gratifying to hear that our expenses this year haven't risen over those of the preceding years.

Three members — John Mallon, Albert Shabbott and Arnold Beech—were named as a committee to work with our State Commander to arrange the annual clam bake. Five dollars was voted to the Catholic Charity Drive and five dollars to YANKEE DOINGS for advertisement of meetings.

A new ruling has been made whereby members who do not have their dues paid by June will not receive YANKEE DOINGS, so fellows, it's up to you to get your dues in. At this date whave 110 paid-up members.

The Y. M. C. A. of Pawtucket is short of razors for the service men who stay overnight. During the week-end more than 200 are entertained and given lodgings, so if anyone has an extra razor just bring it down to the meeting or get it to your Commander, and he will see that it is delivered to the Y. M. C. A.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday evening, June 21, 1945 and this will be the last meeting before our annual convention.

Our Chapter will participate in a memorial service to be held at St. Paul's Church on Sunday, May 27th at 11 o'clock.

Yours in comradeship,
Al Plant, Commander.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Francis Dunn
59 Appleton St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, 10, R. I.

With a contemplated cut in our column, one is in a dilemma as to what he should write that would prove interesting to all members of the Chapter. In past weeks I have been advised to omit names, refrain from personal comment, to forego the recording of events of meetings and

other bits of advice which leaves a ham-writer hanging by the neck as to whether or not he's doing right or wrong.

The membership of the Providence Chapter is unique. Our membership runs from Emanuel Casartillo, Rumford, R. I., to Warren Chase, out thar in California. We have Col. Forsythe, Germany; Gen. Barker, S.P.; Major Paul Metcalf, France; Jim Gould, So. Carolina; Faelton Perkins, Bridgewater, Mass.; Col. Malone, California; Lt. Col. Sherman and John J. Brown, N. Y.; Major Mark Rancourt, Florida; Earl F. Baldwin, Conn. and Miquel Meyers, Atlantic City.

As for news, fellers, I can only give you the happenings of the times in my way of writing the same as learned in the college of "Hard Knocks". At this session I am glad to report that the Testimonial Dinner held for Frank McCafferty of B Btry., 103 F. A., was a success. As you know, boys, Frank is the proud pappy of a bouncing baby boy. Don't misunderstand me, the dinner wasn't held for this reason, but due to the fact that our former secretary was recently elected N. J. V. C. of the A. L., an office held by few men in R. I. "Oysters" Osterburg did a bang-up job as M. of C., ably assisted by his committee of Everett Holland, Harold Downey, Guy Kittredge, Mike Crescenzo and Walter Vickery. "Chick" Story and his Trumpeteers entertained with solos and music for dancing. May I also add that Frank was presented with a life membership in the Legion. While the rest of us YDers look forward to the old age pension, old "Rosebud" McCafferty skates merrily along on his way to the fountain of everlasting youth.

With the aid of 18 members, S. V. C. Whitman laid out the program for the coming months. Under the supervision of Cliff Emmons, the Chapter in the future will sell groceries at every meeting. Take your choice of whatever is on display. It means a saving to you and a small profit for the Chapter. It was also voted to hold C Bty. night at our next meeting. May I also add that two membership teams have been selected to dig up members, new and old. Dunn's Duds vs. Vickery's High Explosives. Later on I'll name the members picked to serve.

"Kidney Beans" Laffey, our new Chaplain, reports the following members on the ailing list: "Sonny" Hampel is still marking time. P. C. Henry McCarthy is snapping out of his long illness at a slow pace. Henry Garceau, at Newington reports many visits and swell treatment from the gang in Hartford. Our ambassador of good-will, Ken Dennis, reports the following YDers patients at Newport Naval: "Happy" Crogan, Bullock and Hallenback from Apremont Chapter. Well, gang, keep up your spirits and don't let your ailments get you down. The same goes for Jim Ellsmore.

It is rumored that the old YD may put on a clambake this summer. The said bake will be catered and not cooked by the Indians who volunteered last year. If reservations can be made it will be held at one of Rhode Island's popular resorts. This is a warning to P. N. C. Joe Bourget to get his team together as Providence Chapter's champions are raring to go.

As I pen these words on Mother's Day, I know this war of unconditional surrender has been a long and heart-breaking grind. Let's hope and pray that the year 1945 brings forth a just and everlasting peace. As the son of a Mother whose two sons are buried in the uniform of their country, I fully understand the heart-breaks of the supreme sacrifice. I know there aren't words in the dictionary that can be written to bring consolation to the Mothers whose sons are in Eternal Rest. As long as this YD lives on, we, the members of the Providence Chapter, shall revere the memory of the sons of Ernest Allard and Walter Thorpe, who have died for their nation's cause. To our members whose sons are still fighting this war to end all war—I am—like yourself, praying daily for the safe return of those most dearest to us. May God hear our prayers, and may Mother's Day 1946 be the happiest day you have ever known.

— Murray-Mack.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: J. Philip Fray, 162 Colony St., Fairfield, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Robert R. Reyburn, 74 Lindsley Pl., Stratford, Conn.

HARTFORD

Commander: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

The new officers of the Chapter were installed at the last meeting held May 3rd by Past Commander William L. Sullivan, assisted by Past National Historian John Goss. The officers are: Commander, Paul J. Caravatt, 1st Vice Comdr., Harry T. Robertson; 2nd Vice Comdr., Leonard Fletcher; Treasurer, Henry A. Beebe; Secretary, Carroll B. Chase; Chaplain, Harold W. Ellingwood; Historian, Stuart R. Spear; Judge Advocate, James J. O'Connor; Sergeant at Arms, Sigmunt Buczinski; Trustees, Benjamin A. Bourn and Herbert E. Nelson.

A buffet luncheon was served after the ceremonies.

— Carroll B. Case.

MANCHESTER

"Epieds" Chapter
Commander: J. Andrew Holzheimer
385 Center St., Manchester, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde Beckwith
12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

Our thanks are due to Willimantic for the privilege of joining with them on Sunday, April 15th, in order to install our Chapter officers. It saved the department officers

an extra trip and we all had a good time. The Windham County boys turned out some delicious steaks for those attending the joint installation. Department Commander Phil Fray, assisted by Past Department Commander Fred Hirsch and Sergeant at Arms George Carlos, officiated. All of our Chapter officers were present so we had a hundred per cent installation. It is up to us to support Commander Holyheimer for the coming year.

A letter came in the other day from "Cap" Bissell. His son is in Germany with the Seventh Army, riding a truck in the field artillery, and he told his father that this is quite a war compared to the skirmish of 1918. Harry can't imagine a son of his riding to war. We all take note of the fact, Cap, that they still have to ask the infantry to take over. All the other outfits are merely auxiliary.

Frank McCaughey, the genial steward of the "Army and Navy Club" has a son, Corporal Francis McCaughey, with the First Army in Germany, and Staff Sergeant George P. McCaughey in the Pacific theatre. George distinguished himself on Bougainville a year ago and received a commendation from the War Department. He is in the 182nd Infantry.

Past Commander Bert Mosely is chairman of the Manchester Memorial Day Committee this year, which means tha a YD man will probably be marshal of the parade this year. Bert is the new commander of Anderson-Shea Post, V. F. W.

Fred (Benny) Wilson is at Newington Veteran's Hospital. Past Commander Dave McCollum is in Manchester Memorial Hospital. Past Commander Ed Frazier is convalescing at his home. Visit these guys.

— C. G. Beckwith.

MERIDEN

Commander: George Semrau
376 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Howard R. Matteson
256 Spring St., Meriden, Conn.

Saturday night, April 21, the National Commander John Dunlap, installed the officers for the coming year. Past Commander Harvey Adams, presented to Clarence Roys the Past Commander's badge. A few speeches were made including one by Commander Dunlap. Refreshments followed. A colorful crowd attended, including wives and friends of the members, and surrounding towns. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Buck Adams, who was convalescing at his home, is now able to attend the meetings once in a while.

Eben Pike was appointed marshal's aide for the Memorial Day Parade.

It was voted and agreed on that the meetings would be held at the American Legion Home on Colony Street.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander: Tony Pechout
99 Glen St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Eric S. Olsen
123 Church St., New Britain, Conn.

We are now going along fine. Up to now we have more paid-up members than we had all last year. Maybe the members are a little leary of ?? Anyway, we surmized them to be good YDers and pay their dues.

At our last meeting, which was a social, we had twenty-two members present and as usual, we played for big steaks, but no one got any, so we settled for some Old Crows.

Tony Pechout just called me up and said he was on his way to see me. The latest copy of YANKEE DOINGS came in today, Maybe I'm going to catch ——? Oh, well, I should worry, I'm behind the bars anyway.

The V. F. W., is holding their state reunion here next month, so we are getting ready to meet and take care of quite a few YD guys, so if any of you come this way, look us up.

— Eric S. Olsen.

NORWALK

Commander: Elwood Broadway
31 Myrtle St., East Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

YANKEE DOINGS reached Norwalk with the morning mail May 18, and soon after the mail man had gone, the phone began ringing, and complaints from the members of the Norwalk Chapter began coming in. One of the members wanted to know whether or not I liked my job as Secretary of the Chapter. The reason for all that was, no news from our Chapter in the May issue. In a way I don't blame the gang, but I have a darn good excuse. Our meeting was postponed from the 20th of April to the 28th, so that we could celebrate the annual Seicheprey party and have our installation of officers on the same night. And of course the May issue was already in the making. That's my story and I'm going to stick to it.

And now for the news about our installation of Chapter officers and our Ladies Auxiliary. This year our party was strictly a local affair, the only invited guests were our State Commander John P. Frey and Mrs. Frey, Henry Moore and Mrs. Moore. Sorry Ann was unable to be with us.

The meeting was held at the dugout and there were 32 members and their wives present. The main order of business was the installation of officers. State Commander Frey installed the Chapter, while Mrs. Frey installed the Ladies

Auxiliary. Our old friend, Past National Vice Commander Barney T. Clarke, assisted the State Commander as Sergeant at Arms. It was good to see old Barney getting in action again. Mrs. Frey is sure doing a good job assisting her hubby. It looks like a busy year for the Freys.

There was something missing at our party this year, and that something was our old friend and comrade Henry Woods, who is still at patient at a health resort in Wallingford, Conn. Drop Henry a card, fellows, I am sure Henry will be glad to hear from you, and it sure will speed his recovery because Henry is all YD.

So far I failed to mention, the party was held at the YD Dugout, and that is one reason why we did not invite our legion of friends from all over the state, because of the crowded conditions in the old dugout.

We hope and pray that a year from now the Japs will be no more, and then we can once more go to town and enjoy our selves like in days of old.

The Norwalk Chapter is taking an active part in the Memorial Exercises and the Memorial Day Parade. George Golding and our Commander are members of the Memorial Day Committee. P. N. C. Al Herman is still the general chairman of the committee. I wish somebody else would take the job for a change.

Looking over YANKEE DOINGS and reading the membership column, all of us should give three cheers to the Bristol Chapter. How about it, gang? We in Norwalk salute you for a real nice job on membership.

I hope this will square me with the Norwalk gang. I am doing what I can to keep the oldest chapter in Connecticut together.

See you all in Boston June 30th.

— A. W. H.

STAMFORD

Commander: J. Bernard Burke
475 Atlantic St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Al Baker
24 Custer St., Stamford, Conn.

At the last regular meeting of Stamford Chapter on April 2nd, the installation of newly elected officers of the Chapter and Auxiliary took place in a double header event with Department Commander Freddie Hirsch doing the honors.

Including our guests and members of the Chapter and the Auxiliary, about 60 turned out to enjoy the evening which was topped off with plenty of good food, which is always provided by the ladies and beer for the boys, not to mention soda pop for Freddie Hirsch and Joe Daley.

Although we got off to a good start this year, we are sorry to report the deaths of two of our members the past two weeks—Frank Ponger and John Egan, both of Battery F, 103rd F. A. Both comrades had been ailing for a year or more and had been under the doctor's care for some time. We all mourn their passing.

Our new commander this year is J. Bernard Burke, 474 Atlantic Street, Stamford, and Al Baker, Secretary, 24 Custer Street, Stamford, who takes over the paper chores for the coming year.

Always glad to have any YD man stop in for our meetings the 1st Monday of each month at 388 Summer Street, Stamford.

— Ray MacNicholl.

WALLINGFORD

Commander: Robert T. Delehanty
Secretary: William Loring
Box 172, Wallingford, Conn.

The annual meeting and election of officers was called to order at 3:45 P. M. at Riley's Restaurant on April 14 and the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Commander, James Bossidy; Senior Vice, J. R. Cannon; Jr. Vice, Milton A. Talbot; Treasurer, Erik Hillbom; Secretary, Robert Delehanty; Chaplain, William M. Loring; Sergeant at Arms, Fred Loomis; Trustees, Francis Bossidy, 3 years; Secondo Poggio, 2 years; John Toth, 1 year.

The meeting adjourned to Conheady's where a bountiful supper was served. Twenty members paid their dues which when taken into consideration there are but thirty eligible for the Y. D. V. A. membership in our community, we are off to a flying start.

— Robert T. Delehanty.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Wellington Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

At our May meeting, which was held at the Jewel Steak House, "Rocky" passed out the 1945 membership cards. Captain Cournoyer and Major Preston represented the armed forces. Vetter brought along a bottle of wine, Murray and Preston bottles of something—somewhat stronger. Norton and Chandler, when called on, said that they would try and be out, but failed to make it. Doctor Morris showed us pictures of his new home.

Bob MacLaughlin, a former patient at Fitzsimmons, has checked out. Pat Pedicino, who has been under the weather for awhile, is doing nicely.

— Vetter.

NEW YORK

Commander: William H. Cowie
43-17 149th St., Flushing, L. I.
Secretary: Ralph F. Nevin
230 Park Ave., New York, N. Y.

The April meeting of the New York Chapter was held on Tuesday, April 24th at the Lexington Hotel.

Although New York Chapter puts on a monthly meeting that a person with journalistic ability could stretch into two and one-half pages of YANKEE DOINGS reading enjoyment, the current paper shortage, plus my lack of talent compels me, for this issue at least, to hit merely the highlights.

We are seeing new faces at our meetings lately and we Pfc. in the 101st Airborne Infantry. (And for the informa- around New York who seem to think you are post-graduates or part-time members and we would like to have you try and get around.

We had the usual business meeting at which actions were taken which will benefit every Chapter member personally, the Chapter as a whole, the national association and our country at large. What more could you ask for on a Tuesday night unless it be entertainment such as P. D. C. Dickson puts on for us.

Unfortunately, Bob was unable to get General Eisenhower for the meeting due to the General being out of town on important business, so he did the next best thing. He got Pfc. Broni Galicki, one of Eisenhower's helpers, a France. The newspapers are full of accounts of this war tion of all the various 101st outfits from around Boston, this Airborne gang has made a name for itself in its own right and any resemblance to World War I units is purely coincidental.)

This kid was really good and he gave us a first hand picture of just how the speed and precision of 1944 warfare spells out the doom of dictators. Pfc. Galicki is the holder of three Presidential Citations, the Infantry Combat Badge and the Purple Heart, which he picked up in Belgium after having seen combat at Anzio and in Southern I must say that P. C. Al Roberts certainly arranged a very but it is hard to beat an unrehearsed story of just what happened by one who was there and who talks the language understood by veterans.

After the Pfc's talk we were entertained, thanks to our V. C., Ed Writer, with five reels of official movies including the liberation of Rome and Paris, the occupation of German cities by the Russians and of activities in the Japanese theater.

If any YD reader can be in New York on Sunday, May 27th, he cannot go wrong by attending the Annual Memorial Service to be conducted by the New York Chapter at the General Edwards Memorial on the campus of Fordham University at 3:00 P. M.

— Ralph F. Nevin.

OHIO

Commander: Edward Dulude
1191 Parkwood Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

The Ohio Chapter, at its regular March meeting, voted a change in its By-Laws "To elect Officers at the first meeting in April". This was done, so that the Ohio Chapter would conform with all other chapters in the National organization, electing in the spring rather than in the fall. The following officers were elected to office, term to expire in April 1946:

Commander, Edward Dulude, 104th Inf.; Sr. Vice, Herbert Reihl, 103rd Inf.; Adjutant, W. P. O'Connor, 101st Eng.; Jr. Vice, Harold Nelson, 104th Inf.; Finance Officer, Fred Bastel, 103rd Inf.; Sergeant at Arms, Bill Heubler, 103rd Inf.

All other officers were re-elected to the office they were holding at the time of election.

Installation of officers was held at the new Y. D. Clubrooms, 7630 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday, May 6th. P. C. Gonsalves was installing officer and when Ted installs, you can be very certain that these officers know just what their job is for the year ahead of them. In fact, Ted does such a good job we are thinking very seriously of hiring him out to other Vets organizations when they wish a first class job of installation.

The Ohio Chapter, in its acquisition of its new quarters, is about ready to repeat the most halycon days of the past. In fact, it will not only repeat, it will surpass those "keen" days of the late 30's. Since its conception in 1937, the Ohio Chapter has always been the LARGEST Chapter beyond the confines of New England (and much LARGER than many of the local N. E. Chapters) and the N. Y. Chapter, yet, we here in the Ohio Chapter are thinking very seriously of re-naming the Chapter "The Forgotten Chapter of the Y. D."

However, with typical Y. D. spirit, we take it as it comes and await the time when the National organization, at its leisure, will awaken to the fact that there is an Ohio Chapter.

TINTYPES OF OUR OFFICERS

Ed Dulude, Commander—K Co., 104th Inf., formerly of Springfield, Mass. One of the original 2nd Mass. Inf. on the border in '16, in France '17 to '19. Short, stocky, and filled with YDism. A typical go-getter where YD is concerned. From all accounts gathered by ye Adjutant, "Ed" was always a pusher. Various members of "old K Co." have informed me that for a "little guy", he could do more pushing, even in the mess line, than a guy twice his size, and when it came to pay day, the alphabet did not mean a thing to Dulude. He would insist that the "D" in his name was most definitely pronounced with a Chicopee twist that spelled "A", therefore he was rightfully entitled to a place at the head of the line. "Apremont Ed" we of the Ohio Chapter most affectionately call him, is sure a "pusher" where YD is concerned, and the national organization can feel most assured with "Apremont Ed" as its

Commander of the Ohio Chapter, it will be kept in the proper sphere of Ohio's recognition of Veterans.

Herb Riehl, Sr. Vice Commander—Big, long, lanky, a towering giant in stature and just as gigantic in his YD. A member of a family that settled in Cleveland when it was spelled "Cleavland". In fact, ye Adjutant has come across records in the "Old Settlers" group of 93rd and Kinsman that a Riehl family left Connecticut in advance of the Moses Cleaveland family, and explored the great Western Reserve, particularly in search of beef, so that those who followed would be sure of sustenance. I now ponder the problem, Herb. Did you ever find out if they had to have RED POINTS in those days, or did they just shoot at anything RED, hoping it was a turkey gobblers crown, Herb was in E Co., 103rd Inf., and wishes to remind old pals in the outfit that he would be glad to hear from any and all.

More tintypes to come for later issues.

— W. P. O'Connor.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: Alfred Roberts
37 Penn St., Woodbury, N. J.

Secretary: Edward A. Johnson
944 Foss Ave., Drexel Hill, Penn.

Well, dear members, those of you that were not at our election and installation of officers held at the Spring Hill Country Club on Saturday, April 29th, were the losers. I must say that P. C. Al Roberts certainly arranged a gery nice set up. Movies, shuffle and dart boards and a luscious steak dinner with all the trimmings and it wasn't shoe leather steak as it just melted in your mouth. Also plenty of refreshments. We shall come back again soon, Al.

Present were Past National Commander Bill Forsyth and wife, P. C. Harvey Ellis and wife, P. C. Louis Wintner and wife, P. C. George Hudson and wife, P. C. Al Roberts and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans, Dan Atkinson and Mary Taylor, Phil Maloney and Ed Johnson. It was our pleasure to welcome a new member into the fold, Richard E. Thomas and his charming wife, and look forward to seeing them at all our affairs.

The following slate of officers were installed by Past National Commander Bill Forsyth for the ensuing year: Commander, Phillip Maloney; Sr. Vice, Charles Cort; Jr. Vice, Charles Frazier; Treasurer, George Hudson; Secretary, Louis Wintner; Chaplain, Harry Evans; Sergeant at Arms, William Forsyth; Trustees, Harvey Ellis, Dan Atkinson and Alfred Roberts. Curfew hour came all too soon but the law is the law and that ended the evening with a rising vote of thanks to B. Zobel of the Philadelphia Navy Yard for his showing of the moving pictures.

Although this Chapter was kind of quiet in YANKEE DOINGS this past year, it was far from being asleep. Due to illness of our Secretary, Ed Johnson, most of the year he was unable to fulfill his duties as he would have liked to.

Our new Commander, Phil Maloney, didn't say much after taking over but the manner in which he broke the gavel you could tell that the few remarks carried weight.

Philadelphia Chapter wishes to offer condolence to the New York Chapter on losing a very fine member in Harold Lonergan and a very good friend of this Chapter.

This is all, but be sure and come and out and support your new Commander. If you can't come out, send in your DUES.

— Louis Wintner.

One of the largest and best meetings we have seen in years was held at the Michael J. Perkins Post, A. L., South Boston, on Sunday, April 29, 1945, where Knocko McCormack, on behalf of Co. B, was host to the 101st Regimental Council. A very good representation from all the companies were in attendance including many who have not been around for a long time. Two hours before the time set for the meeting to start, the boys began to arrive. They were greeted by the jovial Knocko at the door who steered them over to a long bar where several gentlemen in white were ready to take care of them. From there they proceeded to the hall. When the meeting was called to order by President Bucky Coffey, every seat was taken with an overflow downstairs.

Impressive memorial exercises were held for our late President and Commander in Chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Sergeant at Arms Nick Fleming was in charge of these services being assisted by Joe Donavan, Barney Golden, Frank Marr, Joe Strain, Walter Coplen, John McGrath, Paddy Clark, John Marshall, John O'Hare, Charles McCarthy and George Hoyles.

The special guest of the day was Major John J. Dugan, S.J., Army Chaplain, who was liberated from the Japanese after a confinement of more than three years in their prison camps. Other guests were George Webber, U.S.N.; Lt. Charles H. McCue, U.S.N.; James J. Fitzgerald, prominent contractor; Col. Petter, U.S.A.; Daniel Boyle, U.S.N.; Maj. Chester Dolan, U.S.A.; Frank Tanner, Adjudication officer, V. A.

E CO. ECHOES

We'll get the bad news out of our system first. Shortly after our last issue went out, we received a clipping from Denmark, Maine, announcing that Win Pendexter's fine son, Bertram, had been killed in action in Belgium on Christmas Day. You and your wife have our most heartfelt sympathy, Win. Also, please express our sympathy to your daughter-in-law. Another sad report we have to make is the death of Scotty Niven on Friday, March 16th, following the death of his wife on the previous Wednesday.

On April 9th we heard that Jack Currier had been taken to the hospital. At first we understood he'd gone to the Vet's Hospital in West Roxbury and wrote him there. It turned out however, that he was in the Soldiers' Home Hospital, Chelsea. We've had a card from him and he expects to be able to get back in circulation in a few more days. This was confirmed by "Hutch" who saw Jack over there.

The 26th Reunion conducted by the Ladies of the 101st Engineers was more or less of a dead loss to ye Ed. this year. My wife and I planned to get in there after dinner and arrived at 7:35 or so to find that the gang hadn't started to eat. We went out and came back around 8:45 and the eating was still going on and continued the same till 9:00 when we had to leave to get a train. We did have a short chat with Lewis Berlyn and Ray Miranda. Herbie (Thursty) Thurston, sent us a list of those there who signed the "E" paper: Buffum, Hatch, Porter, Mattson, Russ Francis, Mallon, Thurston, Dodge, Allen, Martin, Hutcheson, Berlyn, Hawkins, Gorely, Miranda, Payson, Caseley and ye Ed. Charlie Hurter must surely have been missed and he's generally on deck for those parties and gathers up lots of news and generally some dough for "Echoes" too.

F CO. 101st ENGRS.

84 members

Eben Dike has been promoted from Secretary of the Meriden Chapter to Chaplain of the Connecticut State Department. Earle Curtis has sold his store and summer home in Clinton, Conn., and from now on will make Dunedin, Florida, his all year round home. Charlie Grant writes from Madison, Wisconsin, where he is helping the war effort as an official of the Hercules Powder Co., that his son Charles, Jr., is a 1st Lt. in the 237 Engrs., has been decorated twice, the last time for helping throw the first bridge over the Rhine in 9 hours and 11 minutes. It is very evident he is a chip off the old block and wears the Junior well.

Lewis Wright from Columbus, Ohio, joins the YDVA and sends his best to all. Harold Davenport got back into the scrap again in 1942, got banged up in December 1944, and has been discharged after a long stay in Walter Reed Hospital. It is rumored that Dewey Redmond is now a Colonel. Congratulations!

Thirty-eight members of the company paid their last respects to "Pop" Palmstrom, he will always be remembered as a good father, fine citizen, and a gallant soldier. Word has just reached us that Leslie Munn died last year. He is best remembered as the mail man.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Jimmie Connors and Leander Mars, who both have lost a son fighting in the South Pacific.

Had a newsy and cheerful letter from Lew Flanders, now making his home in Newport, Hants County, N. S. Drop him a line, you are sure to get a reply.

If you don't visit your local "Blood Bank" get the habit, and if you have, keep it up, there is a lot of hard fighting ahead. Who knows, it may be your pint that saves a life.

— Red.

LATE FLASH ! !

Worcester Chapter Aids Member's Son

This Chapter had a chance to carry out one of the principles of the organization, in aiding a member's family. So it only goes to show what can be done with a live organization in back of you. Letters have come in from all parts of the country congratulating the local chapter on their activity, and others asking for help on similar cases.

Thanks go to P. C. Fred A. Jones and the many others that aided our comrade's son in the settlement of his difficulties.

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★★★ TAPS ★★★

On May 4, 1945, Joseph D. Cerat. At one time Stable Sergeant, A Bat., 102 F. A., Cerat was a veteran of 1898 before World War I. He had served in the Far East and all over the Globe. Served with the Haverhill Fire Dept. for 28 years.

Buried by them on May 7, 1945, as far as known he did not belong to any Veteran Organization, although eligible to many.

Roland C. Barnes, formerly of Hdqrs., 102 F. A., died at Soldiers Home Hospital in April 1945.

William L. Anderson of Co. B, 101st Infantry, passed away at his home in N. Cambridge, May 16, 1945.

Harlow C. (Shorty) Wesley, Corp., Baty. F, 103 F. A., died Thursday, April 26 in the Bronx, N. Y.

David "Doody" Tribman, formerly of B Co., 101st Inf., passed away October 29th, after a short illness. Laid at rest at the Children of Israel Cemetery, Haverhill on October 29th. A firing squad and color guard of the V.F.W. and Jewish War Veterans attended. He is survived by his wife. "Doody" will be missed by all.

William R. Kennealy, formerly of M. G. Co., 101st Inf., died at his home in Brookline Mass. on May 23rd, 1945. He was attendance officer of the Brookline Schools for several years and a member of the YD Club of Boston.

Frank Ponger, Pfc. Battery F, 103rd F. A., died at his home on Valley Road, Cos Cob, April 17th, after a year's illness. He leaves his widow and one daughter and a son, now serving in the Army overseas. Interment, Springdale, Conn.

John F. Egan, Mess Sgt., Battery F, 103rd F. A., died at Shelton, Conn., on April 23rd where he had been undergoing treatment since last February. He leaves his widow and three daughters. One son, Staff Sgt. John, Jr., gave his life for his country during the battle of "The Bulge." Interment, Springdale, Conn.

Ralph P. Dunn, a former YD man and commander of Millis Post, 208, A. L., at the time of death. He served from May 7, 1917 to the 29th of April 1919 with the Hqs. Co., 102nd Reg. of Infantry. He died May 8 and leaves a widow who resides in Millis. Burial was at Randolph, Vermont.

Frank Whitworth, 51, formerly of E Battery, 102nd Field Artillery, died recently at his home, 29 Knowles St., Auburn, Mass.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving overseas, and was historian of Chester Tuttle Post, American Legion.

He leaves his wife, Gennie (Erickson) Whitworth; two brothers, Robert Whitworth of Worcester, Mass., and Fred Whitworth of Cohoes, N. Y., and a sister, Alice, wife of Frank Laird of Worcester, Mass.

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